

SMITH, RICHARD "DICK"

Holt

Formerly of Grand Ledge



Age 76,
passed
away Octo-
ber 11, 2001
in Lansing,
MI. Mr.
Smith was
born July
17, 1925 in
Grand
Ledge, MI,
son of

Charles and Ida (Palladay) Smith. Richard was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School and member of the St. James Catholic Church, Mason. As an Army Air Force Veteran in World War II, he had strong feelings toward the military. He served over 39 years as a fulltime employee assigned to the 46th Aviation Battalion, as an Avionics Mechanic Leader at the Army Aviation Facility of Grand Ledge. He retired from the Grand Ledge Fire Department after 25 1/2 years of service, during which he served as the Fire Chief from 1953 to 1978. He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Alice; mother, Ida; children, Richard Carl (Sharon) Smith of Holt, Lyn Marie (Bruce) Smith of Kalamazoo, Nancy Beth (Dan) Dennis of Grand Ledge; 7 stepchildren, Michael (Lanna) Martin of Florida, Lawrence (Darleee) Martin of Mason, Patricia Sonnenberg of Holt, Susan (Hubbard) Spencer of Kentucky, John (Patricia) Martin of Dansville, James Martin of Mason, Teresa Ducharme of Tennessee; 21 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Ilene (Robert) Shaw, Norman (Marilyn) Smith both of Grand Ledge, and Arlene Parker of Whitehall; brothers-in-law, Howard (Mae) Dart, John (Marcia) Dart, Ken (Ada) Hope; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Marsh. He was preceded in death by his father; grandson, Keith Dennis; great-grandson, Taylor Seely; 2 brothers-in-law and sister-in-law; and by Nan (Nicholaisen) Smith, the mother of his children. Funeral Mass will be celebrated **Monday, October 15, 11 a.m. at the St. James Catholic Church, 1010 S. Lansing, Mason**, with Fr. Alan Wakefield officiating; followed by Military Grave-side services conducted by the Grand Ledge Army National Guard at the Wacousta Cemetery, Watertown Township. The family will receive friends Sunday, 2-4 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and 7-9 p.m. at the St. James Catholic Church with Wake services to begin at 7:30 p.m. For those desiring, contributions to G.L.E.A.P. or St. James Catholic Church will be greatly appreciated.